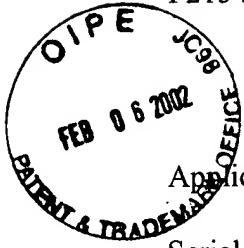


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Sir :

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the European Search Report issued in connection with counterpart European Application No. 01 12 4202, and the following documents cited therein:

EP 1 092 751 A1 (accompanied by family member U.S. Patent No. 6,303,681 to Furukawa et al., issued October 16, 2001);

U.S. Patent No. 4,731,406 to Itoh et al., issued March 15, 1988;

EP 0 906 933 A1 (accompanied by family member U.S. Patent No. 6,130,282 to Imahashi et al., issued October 10, 2000); and

EP 0 960 855 A1 (accompanied by family member U.S. Patent No. 6,280,839 to Brown et al., issued August 28, 2001).

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The Examiner's attention is also directed to the Annex to the European Search Report which lists family members of the documents cited in the European Search Report. The Annex indicates U.S. patent family members of EP 1 092 751 A1; EP 0 906 933 A1; and EP 0 960 855 A1. For the convenience of the Examiner, copies of these U.S. patents are enclosed herewith, as noted above.

Copies of the above-noted documents and the European Search Report are enclosed. The Examiner is referred to the Search Report for the relevance given the documents by the European Examiner with regard to the claims in the European application.

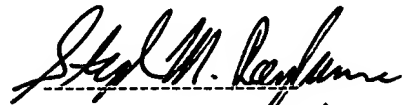
The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialed form to Applicants.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the Merits has not issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), to be charged to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

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